



# GEORGE HALL NEWSLETTER

**\*\*August 23, 2021\*\*Mrs. Chennault, Principal\*\*A Kind & Inclusive School Community\*\***

**COVID Case Reporting:** The SMFCSD will regularly report and update COVID-19 health data and metrics twice monthly on our [COVID-19 District Dashboard](#). Data published on the District Dashboard confirms site location and number of cases where an outbreak of COVID-19 has occurred among students or staff. An outbreak is defined as the identification of two or more laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 illness that are epidemiologically linked by person, place, and time. Our school will continue to work closely with the Nursing department to determine when classes need to quarantine and move to Distance Learning.

**Teacher BTSN:** On Tuesday August 24th, teachers will host classroom virtual BTSNs. Preschool, TK, Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grade will begin online at 6:30, upper grades (3rd, 4th, and 5th) will begin online at 7:00. Your teacher will share the login information with you. This past Tuesday we hosted BTSN with the Principal. Please find the Slide deck from the Principal's BTSN here: [English Version](#) [Spanish Version](#). You can also find it on our website along with a follow up FAQ on the Principal's page.

**Free Lunch:** San Mateo-Foster City School District offers healthy meals every school day. Meals are free to all enrolled students during the 2021-2022 school year. Breakfast and lunch are available at all schools for students enrolled in the District. Although a meal application is not necessary to receive free meals during the 2021-22 school year, households are encouraged to complete a meal application. Establishing your child's eligibility for free or reduced-price benefits could qualify you for additional outside services or benefits including Pandemic-EBT benefits, discounted internet and more. Complete the application at <https://smfcsd.rocketscanapps.com/> to confirm eligibility. You may also contact Child Nutrition Services at (650) 312-1968 to obtain a paper application.

**Traffic:** The goal is to keep students and staff safe while at school. This means we need to work together and we need your help in ensuring we are all safely following the guidelines. Ingress is from 8:05-8:15 am. We are asking all parents to make sure that they are not parking in a white loading zone, in the Staff Only parking lot or blocking our neighbor's driveways. Please do not have students jaywalk. Drive slowly and cautiously around the school zone. The bottom line is we don't want ONE student hurt and we can't do this without your support!

**Curriculum Corner.... A Word from 3rd Grade:** Each week the newsletter will feature the curriculum from a particular grade level. In this manner the school will share the scope and sequence of elementary school learning expectations. This week our third grade team highlights what all third grade students are working on:



*It has been a very exciting start to the school year! We are setting up routines, establishing a culture for learning and developing a growth mindset so students can access deep learning throughout the year. In third grade we are exercising our math brains, practicing writing paragraphs, along with learning all about maps and landforms. We are building stamina through independent reading and thoughtful math tasks. We continue to build community in Morning Meetings as students are getting to know one another. This year for homework, third grade students are expected to read a minimum of 20 minutes nightly. Students may also be asked to finish their Zearn Math lesson of the day. Students will have occasional projects to work on at home. We will soon begin Zearn Mission 1: Multiplication and Division. Before diving into Unit 1 of Benchmark Advance, we are focusing on reading practices and routines, including different ways to respond to texts.*